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Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: PUCO Case No. 19-2163-EL-BLN, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Dicks Creek Generation Station and Substation Separation Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

The Affidavit of Publications and proof of publication, relating to the above-referenced case, are attached for filing today.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP

Emily A. Olive
Certified Paralegal

‘Miracle house’ in Ohio draws faithful, curious

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANTON – Late in the summer of 1939, crowds of strangers started showing up at Rhoda Wise’s house next to a city dump in Ohio after she let it be known that miracles were occurring in her room.

Eight decades later, people still make pilgrimages to the wood frame bungalow at the edge of Canton, Ohio, seeking their own miracles. Wise died in 1948, but her legend as a Christian mystic has blossomed with time. And last fall, after years of discussions, the local Roman Catholic diocese petitioned the Vatican to make Wise a saint, renewing interest in her former home.

The story starts with the sickly Wise, who lived with her alcoholic husband and young daughter, claiming she was healed of a terminal illness and was visited by Jesus Christ as she suffered in her bed.

When word got out, people began arriving at all hours, seeking spiritual guidance and asking to see the wooden chair where Jesus sat. They stood in lines around the block to file past her bed when she appeared to suffer stigmata – bloody wounds on her head, hands and feet like those Jesus suffered on the cross – until she implored the church to take her off display. Newspapers and national magazines sent reporters to write about Ohio’s “miracle house.”

The parade of pilgrims slowed down after Wise’s death but never stopped. Her house – now with beige vinyl siding and a good-sized parking lot – has remained an under-the-radar destination for the faithful and curious.

Her former home is one of dozens of Catholic shrines and pilgrimage sites in the United States, ranging from modest to grand.

Among them are one of the largest crucifixes in the world in the woods of Michigan, an altar inside a 50-foot-high cave carved into a cliff in Oregon, and a small chapel in Minnesota built as a tribute to the Virgin Mary, to whom the locals prayed when a plague of grasshoppers devastated

crops in the 1870s.

In 1996, a popular shrine developed in the parking lot of an office building in Clearwater, Florida, where thousands believed a 60-foot image of Mary had appeared on the mirrored glass. That lasted until 2004, when a high school boy with a slingshot shattered some of the panes.

The Wise house stands out because it doesn’t stand out, blending in with a row of Habitat for Humanity homes, built across the street in recent years.

Regardless of the validity of the Rhoda Wise narrative – scoffers note that she was known to have mental health problems – people still arrive by the busload. They come to view her 9-foot-square bedroom, pray and sit in the Jesus chair, which has been repaired numerous times through the years and now is painted gold. There is no admission fee.

Canton native Karen Sigler, 66, visited with a group in the early 1980s and was recruited by Wise’s daughter Anna Mae to become the live-in caretaker, a position she has held now for 36 years.

“We live in a world that’s really hard to have faith in today. Really hard,” Sigler said, trying to explain the attraction. “A lot of people want to hold on to it. And Rhoda’s strength to endure everything she did with such a great love of God is inspiration for them.”

Precise numbers aren’t kept, but a guest book shows visitors from more than a dozen states and Canada since late spring. Most are already believers, like 49-year-old Denise Kleinhenz. She came with her family recently from their home on the other side of the state.

“She saw Jesus,” said Kleinhenz, wonder in her voice. “And he came more than just once. It just makes me think about, that he exists.”

The room where Wise was bedridden for years now is an altar room crowded with statues and relics. Bandidages claimed to be those that absorbed Wise’s blood during stigmata are mounted in frames on the wall. Photos of Wise bleeding from the head and hands also are displayed.

One of Wise’s granddaughters, 71-year-old Darlene Zastawny, was raised in the house and still stops around to talk to visitors. Her earliest memories, she said, involve strangers showing up at the door.

“I always wondered who all these people were that my mother would let

in,” she said. “I’d be getting ready for school when I was little and there would be a stranger sitting with us because she wouldn’t tell them no. I knew it was special, but sometimes I wished it was more of a home. There was somebody coming all the time, but you get used to it.”

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Company) is proposing an electric transmission project in your area. The project involves expanding the substation on Company property and installing an approximate 210-foot long retaining wall ranging in height of approximately 5 ft. to 11.5 ft. for the full extent of the east and short section along the north side of the substation, expanding the existing substation lattice tower, equipment reconfiguration to accommodate new equipment inside the substation for more efficient and reliable operations. The substation perimeter fence will be expanding approximately 50 ft. to the east and approximately 50 ft. to the north of the existing fence, with all the expansion being on the Company’s property. The project also involves the replacement of two transmission towers with four engineered monopoles to support two 138-kilvolt (kV) transmission power lines that will run in and out of the expanded substation. The new monopoles’ above-ground height ranges from 110 to 115 feet. The installation of 138-kV transmission line comprises approximately 0.33 miles of new line, per transmission line. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in February.

The Company has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board), under Case No. 19-2163-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to the Project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate, and maintain this facility is now pending before the Board. Comments and/or petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4906-2-12 and 4906-6-08. Petitions or comments should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, and must reference Case No. 19-2163-EL-BLN.

The following public officials, agencies, and library have been served with the Application, as required by

Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Butler County Commissioners
Donald Dixon, President
T.C. Rogers, Vice President
Cindy Carpenter, Commissioner

Butler County Administration
David Fehr, Acting County Administrator
Dennis Dickard, Building & Zoning Administrator
Mike McNamara, Development Administrator
P. Zeb Acuff, Planning Administrator

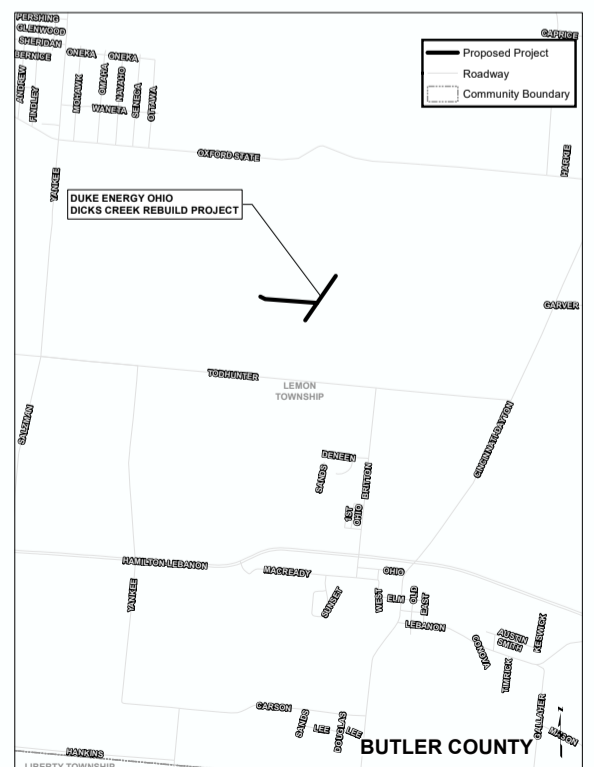
City of Middletown
Larry Mulligan, Jr., Mayor
Talbot Moon, Vice Mayor
Steve Bohannon, City Council Member
Joe Mulligan, City Council Member
Ami Vitori, City Council Member
Douglas Adkins, City Manager
Ashley Combs, Planning Director
Jackie Phillips, Health Commissioner
Community Revitalization

MidPointe Library Middletown
125 South Broad Street, Middletown, 45044
Stella Tompoulidis, MidPointe Library Middletown Branch Manager

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the main office of Duke Energy Ohio at 139 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 and at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is also available on the Duke Energy Ohio website, at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/transmission-projects>, and on the Ohio Power Siting Board’s website, at: www.opsb.ohio.gov.



Ron Sattler prays at the altar. Late in the summer of 1939, crowds of strangers started showing up at Rhoda Wise’s house in Canton after she let it be known that miracles were occurring in her room. TONY DEJAK/AP





Proof of Publication

I, Joshua Park, do hereby attest that the Duke Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Cincinnati, The Enquirer

1/3/2020


Joshua Park
1/9/20
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 9th day of January, 2020 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joshua Park, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Notary Public



PATRICIA A. CONKLE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-24